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Cloth purchased for use in Government hospitals.

* 441 *Q.*—SRI G. SATYANARAYANA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state what was the quantity of were purchased for use in the Medical department during 1951–52, what fraction of it was mill cloth and what was its cost; and whether foreign cloth was imported and if so, how much?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" 1,667,722 yards of cloth were purchased for use in the Medical Department during 1951–52. No mill or foreign cloth was purchased in that year."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" May I know, Sir, what is the difficulty of the Government in purchasing handloom cloth for use in hospitals? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Khadi cloth is purchased for use in hospitals."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" ఈ ఖద్దరు గుడ్డ ఎంత కొన్నారు ? Handloom ఎంత కొన్నారు ? విదేశీగుడ్డ ఎంత కొన్నారు ? Binny గుడ్డ ఎంత కొన్నారు ? వివరంగా చెబుతారా ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be put."

Production of rice and millets in Madras State.

* 442 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many tons of rice and millets are produced this year in this State; and

(*b*) how many tons of rice and millets are expected through the Centre from other States and from abroad?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The estimated production of rice and millets in the Madras State in 1952–53 is as follows :—

	TONS.
Rice	4,033,000
Millets (cleaned grain)	2,223,900

" (*b*) *Rice.*—The Government of India have promised to supply about 2·5 lakhs tons of rice to this State under the basic plan for the current year. Out of this quota, they have indicated that about ¾ will be supplied from the surplus States in India and the remaining ¼ from overseas sources.

As regards millets, the Government of India have been requested to supply 5 lakhs tons of millets for 1953 including 1 lakh tons of overseas milo. They have promised that they will endeavour to meet our requirements within the overall availabilities."